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Subject: EPA decides not to withdraw CWA Section 404(c) Proposed Determination for Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay

watershed

Attachments: 2018 01 26 EPA Suspension FINAL.pdf

Folks:

I want to pass along the good news from EPA Region 10 that EPA has decided not to withdraw the CWA Section 404(c) Proposed Determination for Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed.

I encourage everyone to check out EPA Region 10's Bristol Bay website for more information about yesterday's decision: https://www.epa.gov/bristolbay/about-epas-decision-not-withdraw-proposed-clean-water-act-restrictions-mining-pebble

You can read the decision here, it will publish in the Federal Register in the next few days:

 $\frac{https://www.epa.gov/bristolbay/notification-decision-not-withdraw-proposed-determination-restrict-use-area-disposal-site}{}$

Also, attached is a joint press release from many of the Bristol Bay area governments and other stakeholders praising EPA's decision to leave the proposed restrictions in place.

-Palmer

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